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SUBJECT:PERIODIC ACTIVITIES REPORT SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1978

FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 8 WORKING GROUP
MEETING.

1. PLANS FOR JOINT REVIEW GROUP TRIP. STATE AND DOD ARE
GOING FORWARD WITH PREPARATION OF BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR
THE TRIP BASED UPON THE AGENDA ALREADY FURNISHED TO EMBASSY
AND ON BASIS OF WYROUGH/TAYLOR TELECONS. WE ANTICIPATE A
CONFIRMING MESSAGE FROM EMBASSY. WHILE THERE IS SOME CON-
CERN WITHIN DOD ABOUT PRESS COVERAGE OF THE TRIP AND ITS EF-
FECT ON CONGRESS, WO DO NOT WISH TO DISCOURAGE PRESS
COVERAGE AND WILL HAVE AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR USE IF NEEDED.

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2. STATUS OF ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS. JACKLEY REPORTED
INTERNAL DOD PROBLEMS REGARDING BOTH THE MOU ON THE
AUTHORITY OF THE AMBASSADOR AND ADMINISTRATOR AND THE OMB
DIRECTIVE. ON THE MOU, HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT HE
EXPECTED NO CHANGE IN THE EXISTING STATE-DEFENSE AGREEMENT.
HE WAS LESS CERTAIN ABOUT THE OMB DIRECTIVE, BUT EXPRESSED

THE VIEW THAT AGREEMENT WAS LIKELY NEXT WEEK. HE MENTIONED
GENERAL DOLVIN'S INTEREST IN GETTING APPROVAL, IF POSSIBLE,

OF THE OMB DIRECTIVE PRIOR TO THE TRIP AND THAT OMB IS
WILLING TO TRY TO MOVE QUICKLY IF STATE AND DEFENSE CAN
PRESENT THEM WITH AN AGREED DRAFT TEXT AND NO NEW OPPOSI-
TION APPEARS.

3. FSO ON COMMISSION STAFF. STATE HAS NOTIFIED DEFENSE
BY LETTER OF OUR INTEREST AND DESIRE TO GO FORWARD WITH
THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE
ASSIGNMENT OF A COMPANY/COMMISSION EXCHANGE OFFICER TO
THE EMBASSY. LETTER ALSO PROPOSES ASSIGNING FSO TO PCC.

4. PRISONER EXCHANGE TREATY. KOZAK REVIEWED THE STATUS
OF THE AGREEMENT AND RECOMMENDED CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN
TO PRESENTING THE DRAFT AGREEMENT TO PANAMA LATER IN
SEPTEMBER SO THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE ABLE TO
APPROVE IT DURING ITS REGULAR SESSION AND THUS COMPLETE
PANAMA RATIFICATION PROCESS BEFORE OCTOBER, 1979.

5. FAA. WE WILL SEEK NEXT WEEK CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY
FOR EMBASSY NEGOTIATION OF THE FAA AGREEMENT. STATE AND
DEFENSE ARE NOT YET AGREED ON THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING
THE INITIAL PRESENTATION MADE BY THE EMBASSY WHILE WE ARE
IN PANAMA LATER IN THE MONTH.
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6. PASSPORTS. PASSPORT OFFICE IS PREPARING A DRAFT
REGULATION ON THE ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO COMMISSION AND
DOD EMPLOYEES ALONG THE LINES RECOMMENDED BY PANCAN AND
SOUTHCOM DURING THE CAT VISIT.

OTHER ACTIVITIES.

1. MOVABLE PROPERTY GUIDELINES. AFTER MEETING, AMB.
POPPER WAS INFORMED BY LUCY BENSON THAT SHE, VAKY AND
COOPER HAVE BEEN ASKED BY PCC SECRETARY CONSTANT TO SEEK
AGREEMENT ON A COMMON POSITION RE MOVABLE PROPERTY GUIDE-
LINE QUESTION.

2. CITRICOS. DESK IS PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PURPOSE
OF STIMULATING FORWARD MOVEMENT BY PANAMA ON CITRICOS
CASE. THEY WILL NOT DEPART SUBSTANTIALLY FROM PAST
EFFORTS. CHRISTOPHER

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